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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Tadashi HAYASHI, ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: April 2, 2004 )  
For: TARGET OBJECT MODIFICATION ) April 2, 2004  
APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD )  
  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

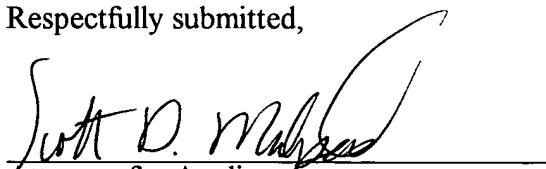
REMARKS

For the Examiner's information, JP 2002-27984 is discussed in the Background of the Invention section of the specification.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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